

**MINUTES
of the
EIGHTH MEETING
of the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**December 18, 2006
Room 322, State Capitol
Santa Fe, New Mexico**

The eighth meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee for the 2006 interim was called to order by Senator John Pinto, co-chair, on Monday, December 18, 2006, at 12:25 p.m. in Room 322 at the State Capitol. Following the call to order, Senator Pinto asked that Representative Ray Begaye conduct the meeting as co-chair.

Present

Sen. John Pinto, Co-Chair
Rep. Ray Begaye
Rep. Irvin Harrison
Rep. Manuel G. Herrera
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom
Sen. Lidio G. Rainaldi
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Don L. Tripp
Rep. Teresa A. Zanetti

Absent

Rep. James Roger Madalena, Co-Chair
Sen. Rod Adair
Sen. Dianna J. Duran
Sen. John C. Ryan
Sen. Leonard Tsosie
Rep. W.C. "Dub" Williams

Advisory Members

Rep. Ben Lujan, Speaker of the House
Sen. Richard C. Martinez
Rep. Nick L. Salazar
Rep. Gloria C. Vaughn

Sen. Ben D. Altamirano
Sen. Joseph J. Carraro
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Sen. William E. Sharer

Staff

Charles H. Van Gorder
Kate Ferlic
Tim Crawford

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

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Mr. Van Gorder presented the committee with a list of bills to be considered for endorsement by the committee and with the recommendations of the subcommittee that considered bills for endorsement on December 1, 2006. Senator Rodriguez moved that the committee endorse all of the legislative requests that had been presented to it. The motion was seconded by Senator Rainaldi. Following discussion among committee members, no action was

taken on the motion.

Senator Pinto circulated to the committee copies of a \$1.3 million capital outlay request for a new chapter house at the Nageezi Chapter of the Navajo Nation. The proposed chapter house would replace the chapter house that was destroyed by fire earlier this year. Ervin Chavez, San Juan County commissioner, explained the need for the new chapter house. Senator Pinto moved that the committee endorse the capital outlay request; Representative Begaye seconded the motion. Following discussion by committee members, the committee voted, without opposition, to request the staff to write a letter on behalf of the committee to the appropriate legislative committee, expressing the support of the Indian Affairs Committee for the capital outlay appropriation request for a new chapter house at the Nageezi Chapter.

Representative Lundstrom moved that the committee not consider for endorsement any bills not to be carried by members of the committee; the motion was seconded by Representative Zanetti. In the course of the committee's discussion, it was determined that the motion would affect the committee's consideration of bills regarding consumer lending, banning aspartame and amendments to the Indian Education Act. The motion passed without objection.

Representative Herrera moved that the committee endorse all of the proposed appropriation bills; the motion was seconded by Representative Harrison. The motion passed without objection. Senator Pinto moved that the committee endorse all of the remaining proposed substantive bills and the proposed memorial; the motion was seconded by Representative Harrison. The motion passed, with Representative Zanetti and Representative Don L. Tripp voting not to endorse the bill to extend eligibility for lottery scholarships to students transferring from out-of-state schools. Representative Harrison agreed to sponsor the bill that would extend eligibility for lottery scholarships to students at New Mexico tribal colleges.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the eighth meeting of the Indian Affairs Committee for the 2006 interim was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.